



GlobalOkie Down Under – Australia’s East Coast – March 13-21, 2027

Sydney, Blue Mountains, Port Douglas, Daintree Rainforest, Cape Tribulation, Great Barrier Reef, Kuranda, Skyrail, Cairns



Join GlobalOkie Travel March 2027 as we head for the Land Down Under and explore the incredible highlights of Eastern Australia! It also marks a major milestone for GlobalOkie Travel as it will be the 7th continent toured by GlobalOkie travelers!

Experience the very best of Australia on an unforgettable journey that blends iconic cities, ancient cultures, and jaw-dropping natural wonders. Begin in vibrant Sydney, where historic streets, world-famous landmarks, and sparkling harbor views set the scene. From The Rocks and the sails of the Sydney Opera House to an immersive Aboriginal harbor walk through the Royal Botanic Gardens, you'll gain a deeper connection to the stories, traditions, and landscapes that shape Australia. Venture beyond the city to the dramatic Blue Mountains, encountering native wildlife, soaring sandstone cliffs, lush rainforests, and thrilling scenic railways—all capped off with a panoramic lunch high above the Jamison Valley.

The adventure continues north to tropical Queensland, where rainforest meets reef in spectacular fashion. Discover the ancient wonders of the Daintree Rainforest, cruise crocodile-rich rivers, and learn from Indigenous custodians in Mossman Gorge before diving into the turquoise waters of the Great Barrier Reef, one of the world's great natural marvels. Snorkel vibrant coral gardens, relax on idyllic beaches in Port Douglas, and glide above the canopy on Skyrail before a breathtaking rail journey back to Cairns. This itinerary is the ultimate Australian showcase—rich in culture, alive with nature, and packed with moments you'll be talking about long after the journey ends.

This is an incredibly unique tour, combining gorgeous natural landscapes and architectural wonders, rich history and cultural immersion, along with amazing ecosystems and animal life! Along with many included activities and excursions, you will have free time to explore Australia like a local and delve into the vast culinary scene in each destination.

This trip has a limited enrollment and will likely sell out, so do not wait to sign-up for this fantastic small group guided travel adventure!

This will be a small-group trip with very limited space available, so sign up soon!

Here are the details!

TENTATIVE ITINERARY OVERVIEW (detailed itinerary below)

TH MAR 11 — Depart US (or earlier if you'd like to opt for some independent travel prior to the group tour)

FR MAR 12 – Cross International Dateline

SA MAR 13 – DAY 1 – ARRIVAL DAY IN SYDNEY (meals on own) (SYD)

SU MAR 14 – DAY 2 – Sydney (Lunch/Dinner on own) (SYD)

MO MAR 15 – DAY 3 – Blue Mountains (D on own) (SYD)

TU MAR 16 – DAY 4 – Sydney Free day (L/D on own) (SYD)

WE MAR 17 – DAY 5 – transfer SYD to Port Douglas; free time (L/D on own) (PTD)

TH MAR 18 – DAY 6 – Daintree/Cape Tribulation (D on own) (PTD)

FR MAR 19 – DAY 7 – Great Barrier Reef (D on own) (PTD)

SA MAR 20 – DAY 8 – PTD to Cairns; Skyrail; Kuranda; rail (L/D on own) (CNS)

SU MAR 21 – DAY 9 – Departure Day (arrangements from Cairns [CNS]) (B incl)

- If you depart Cairns Mar 21, you arrive back in US Mar 21!
- Optional trip extension – to be determined depending on demand

Trip Dates:

- **March 13-21, 2027** (you will need to arrive in Sydney (SYD) on 13 March as our group lodging begins on that day, which means departing the US no later than 11 March; depart Cairns (CNS) 21 March)
 - Feel free to make plans to travel earlier or stay later (maybe stop for a day or more somewhere on the way...? It works well to fly into Oz early to adjust to the time zone or perhaps make a stop in Fiji or New Zealand. You can also opt to spend a few extra independent days in Queensland or travel elsewhere!)
 - I am happy to assist with suggestions for international insurance and travel arrangements; I can book your ticket for \$50 per person.

Trip Cost:

- **\$4,250** (double or twin occupancy) - plus international air, meals as noted, travel insurance (medical/accident/repatriation insurances required; cancelation/delay/luggage highly recommended), optional offered activities, misc (*price may be subject to exchange rate fluctuation)
 - Single room supplement charge: \$800
 - If you're traveling solo and wouldn't mind sharing a twin room, I will do my best to pair you with a same-gender roommate in a twin room, saving the single room supplement (cannot guarantee).
 - Optional:
 - Pre-tour night (with breakfast) at SYD group hotel: appx US\$260
 - Sydney Harbor Bridge Climb (with transportation): appx US\$270

Payment Schedule:

- You are welcome to pay balance in full or visit with me if you'd like to consider a different payment schedule. Easy payments via: check, Venmo, CashApp, or PayPal (@globalokie), or credit card (let me know and I will text or email a Square credit card payment link)
 - Due upon enrollment: \$1,000 (**non-refundable** unless provider cancels trip; will attempt to cancel with replacement with partial refund)
 - 2nd payment: \$2,000, due prior to September 1, 2026
 - Final payment: balance + optionals, prior to January 15, 2027

To Enroll:

- Read the trip terms and conditions at the bottom of the GlobalOkie Travel website as well as the Terms and Conditions of this document (deposit and cancelation policy differ slightly from the standard GlobalOkie Travel terms and conditions).
- Go to the www.globalokie.com website; click the red "Enroll on a Trip" link in the upper right corner of the webpage, or, near the bottom of the page, click on the link "ONLINE 2026-27 Enrollment Form"; complete and submit the online enrollment form
- Let us know how you would like to pay the deposit - via check, Venmo, CashApp, Credit Card (Square link can be texted or emailed).
- You're enrolled!!!

Includes:

- Accommodation March 13-21, 2027, based on two people sharing a room, unless paying the single room supplement;
- All meals as mentioned in the detailed itinerary (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner);
- Domestic air travel from Sydney to Port Douglas, with transfers;
- Professional/experienced local tour guide as well as a GlobalOkie Travel tour director;
- Entrance fee to visit places mentioned in itinerary including attractions and national park fees;
- All transfers on tour as listed in air-conditioned van/coach with local, experienced English-speaking driver;
- Goods and Services Taxes

Excludes:

- Airport-hotel transfers (GlobalOkie Travel can advise and assist with this);
- Surcharge for staying in a single room (\$800);
- Meals as noted on the itinerary (excellent opportunity to explore some wonderful culinary options on your own or with new friends!);
- Drinks, snacks, other food and beverages not included in group meals;
- Hotel charges for additional services (laundry, minibar, spa treatments, etc);
- Lodging outside of the scheduled itinerary;
- Personal travel insurance (basic sickness/accident, evacuation and repatriation required);
- International flight tickets to and from Australia
- Guide and driver tips (appx \$120, collected on arrival or via Venmo prior to departure)

Tentative Itinerary:Summary:

- Sydney (4 nights); Port Douglas (3 nights); Cairns (1 night)

ITINERARY & TOUR CONTENT OVERVIEW

DEPART US – Thursday, 11 March 2027 (your departure day will depend on where you're flying from and if you choose to arrive early or stop en route to Australia)

CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE/TRAVEL – Friday, 12 March 2027

DAY 1: ARRIVE SYDNEY – Saturday, 13 March 2027

Make your own way to the hotel. (GlobalOkie Travel can advise or assist with this)

Check in is from 3pm and early check in is available at an extra cost. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

This evening you will meet with your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a briefing about your tour.

Meals not included on arrival day .

Overnight at Furama Inn Darling Harbour (Superior Room or similar)

DAY 2: SYDNEY – Sunday, 14 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning, discover Sydney on a guided tour of Sydney. Starting with The Rocks, a historic district with well-preserved colonial architecture, trendy restaurants, museums, shops, and an abundance of Old World charm. Take in the renowned architecture of the iconic Sydney Opera House. You will also have a chance to photograph the impressive Sydney Harbour Bridge, known locally as "The Coat Hanger" for its arched hanger-like shape.

Continue to the Royal Botanical Gardens followed by an Aboriginal harbour heritage tour. Walk along the beautiful Sydney Harbour foreshore, listening to stories about the Gadigal lifestyle, traditions, history, and their connection to country and community.

Designed with respect for Aboriginal cultural protocol, the tour is a unique opportunity to learn about the Garden's flora and fauna and its connection to the Aboriginal people of Australia. Learn about traditional Aboriginal uses for the Garden's variety of native trees and plants with demonstrations of plants used for bush food, medicines, and shelter, as well as a range of Aboriginal artefacts and tools.

This afternoon is free to explore on your own.

Optional tour You may want to Climb Sydney Harbour Bridge, with afternoon and evening climbs there are incredible views from the top.

Lunch and dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Furama Inn Darling Harbour (Superior Room or similar) (B)

DAY 3: BLUE MOUNTAINS – Monday, 15 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

Start your day with a drive to the foot of the Blue Mountains where you'll enter Featherdale Wildlife Park. This is an iconic, must-see destination where you can get close to over 2000 amazing Australian animals and meet kangaroos, quokkas, penguins, wombats and much more.

Follow the trail of Australia's early explorers as you climb into the Blue Mountains. Rays of light striking dust particles, small droplets of moisture and eucalyptus oil in the atmosphere cause the blue haze, which is present on most hot days. Discover this continent's 'Grand Canyon' of giant rock formations, geological history, deep tree studded valleys and cascading waterfalls. View the world-famous rock formation 'The Three Sisters', and enjoy panoramic views of the Jamison Valley, Mount Solitary and the Ruined Castle.

Enjoy a two-course lunch at the Lookout Restaurant including one standard drink, which offers unrivalled views over the spectacular mountains before the highlight of your day. A ride on the steepest incline railway in the world down to a lush and hidden valley. The 415 metre (1,361 feet) descent will take you through a cliff side tunnel into ancient rain forest. Enjoy a short walk through the ancient rainforest before taking a scenic cableway out of the World Heritage listed rainforest of the Jamison Valley.

Return to Sydney and dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Furama Inn Darling Harbour (Superior Room or similar) (B, L)

DAY 4: SYDNEY – Tuesday, 16 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today is a free day to explore Sydney at your leisure. Visit the iconic Bondi Beach, enjoy Taronga Zoo, explore the harbor with a walk around Barangaroo, take a ferry from Circular Quay to Manly Beach or Cockatoo Island or take in own of the many museums or art galleries. Be sure to enjoy the gelato and food trucks of Sydney!

Lunch and dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Furama Inn Darling Harbour (Superior Room or similar) (B)

DAY 5: SYDNEY TO PORT DOUGLAS – Wednesday, 17 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning you will be transferred to Sydney Domestic Airport for your flight to Cairns.

Depart Sydney ETD: 0945 Arrive Cairns ETA: 1150 Flights subject to scheduling

Transfer from Cairns airport to Port Douglas.

Enjoy the scenic coastal views of the Coral Sea, with a visit to beachside village Palm Cove enroute to Port Douglas.

Arrive in Port Douglas and enjoy a free afternoon exploring all that idyllic Port Douglas has to offer, take a walk on the famous Four Mile Beach, explore the boutiques, galleries and cafes in Macrossan Street.

Lunch and dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Oaks Port Douglas Resort (Garden View Room or similar) (B)

DAY 6: CAPE TRIBULATION – Thursday, 18 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full day tour to Daintree, Cape Tribulation and Mossman Gorge including lunch.

Step into the world's oldest tropical rainforest and spend the day immersed in the living landscape of the World Heritage listed Daintree. From ancient rainforest paths to river crossings and coastal views at Cape Tribulation and Mossman Gorge, this full-day journey connects you with nature, culture and the stories that have shaped this remarkable place.

Enjoy a scenic drive north to the oldest rainforest in the world. From the Kulki Lookout in Cape Tribulation, view scenic mountain peaks and pristine white beaches. Witness the rare sight of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites together: the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef—the only place in the world where the rainforest meets the reef.

Board the Daintree River cruise to learn about the wildlife environment of one of the most diverse river systems in the world — the bird habitat, tree snakes, and unique plants, as well as the estuarine crocodile, who you may spot during the cruise.

After lunch in the rainforest, visit the Mossman Gorge Centre, an important cultural hub of the Kuku Yalanji. Experience a Welcome to Country and learn about the indigenous people and their practices, who have lived here for 50,000 years, using the local flora and fauna of the wild jungle to survive and thrive.

Dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Oaks Port Douglas Resort (Garden View Room or similar) (B, L)

DAY 7: PORT DOUGLAS – GREAT BARRIER REEF – Friday, 19 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Port Douglas Marina

Full Day Great Barrier Reef cruise, snorkel and swim including lunch.

Here's your chance to visit the world's richest marine habitat--Australia's magnificent Great Barrier Reef. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the reef is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The many reefs and atolls that make up the reef are rich with coral, fish, molluscs, and visiting sharks, dolphins, and turtles.

Don your snorkel equipment and jump into the water for an active Barrier Reef experience with plenty of time to swim and snorkel in the Outer Reef environment. Witness the majestic panoramas of colourful tropical fish and intricate coral gardens. Explore rich, diverse coral gardens that help form these protective ocean walls, filled with hard and soft corals as well as the reef's most iconic species such as sharks, stingrays, turtles, groupers and cods, maori wrasse and parrotfish.

Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch, served in air-conditioned comfort aboard the vessel. The more adventurous may wish to try an introductory or certified scuba experience (at your own expense). After spending a breathtaking few hours out at the mooring, you will return back to the pier.

Transfer to the hotel.

Dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Oaks Port Douglas Resort (Garden View Room or similar) (B, L)

DAY 8: PORT DOUGLAS TO CAIRNS – Saturday, 20 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning you will make your way to Cairns along the Cook Highway. Upon arrival, join the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and travel up the mountain range, winding through the Barron Gorge to the picturesque mountain retreat of Kuranda Village.

Surrounded by the world's oldest living tropical rainforest, the colourful village of Kuranda is well known as the Village in the Rainforest with markets, village shopping, rainforest walks and more.

Returning to Cairns is on one of the most unique rail journeys in the world, Kuranda Scenic Railway. This is an unforgettable train journey in Heritage Class, comprising of unsurpassed views from within Far North Queensland's Wet Tropics World Heritage rainforest, the oldest on earth. Immerse yourself and enjoy breathtaking scenery of country, as the train winds its way through 15 hand-made tunnels and over 55 bridges.

Lunch and dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at Crystalbrook Riley (Sea View Room or similar) (B)

DAY 9: CAIRNS – Sunday, 21 March 2027

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart. Airport transfers not included, but easy to arrange on site via Uber or taxi or shared shuttle. Or, opt to stay a few extra days in Cairns or Queensland!